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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BREWER ET AL.

Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 14.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. Claims 11-16 have been withdrawn from allowance. New ground of rejection is made.

2. Part III DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

This application has been examined. Claims 11-16 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 11, 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § **102(b)** as being anticipated by Harari et al. patent number 5,887,145 referred herein after "Harari".

As for claims 11, Harari teaches a data storage and transfer system including an enclosed rectangular shaped memory card and an enclosed rectangular shaped input-output card, wherein:

(A) the memory card comprising:

first and second sets of externally accessible electrical contacts positioned along respective first and second edges thereof (see figures 1, 3-4, removable mother card 10 having edges left and right of the card);

a re-programmable non-volatile memory contained therein for the storage of data (see figure 4, EPROM 52),

a controller contained therein, the controller being connected to the memory and to the first and second sets of electrical contacts (see figure 4, processor 50), the controller managing operation of the memory and causing data to be transferred (a) between the memory and through the first set of contacts to a host system connected therewith (see column 7 lines 48-63), and (b) between the memory and through the second set of contacts to the input-output card connected therewith without passing through the first set of contacts (see figures 1, 3-4, right edge of mother card 40), and

(B) the input-output card comprises:

a third set of externally accessible electrical contacts along one edge of thereof with a pattern complementary to that of the second set of contacts (see figure 3, daughter card 20, left edge),

a mechanism provided on an outside of the input-output card along the one edge thereof that mates with the mechanism on the memory card in order to allow removable connection together of the memory and input-output cards along their respective second and one edges such that their respective second and third set of electrical contacts mate when the cards are connected together (see figure 3, mother card 40, daughter card 20, wherein the left edge of the daughter card is mated on the right edge of the mother card),

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communicating circuits contained therein and connected with the third set of contacts for transferring data therethrough (see figure 3, daughter card 20, left edge of the daughter card is the third set of contacts), and a data transmission and reception device connected to the communications circuit for transferring data between the communications circuit and external to the input-output card (see column 15 line 63 to column 16 line 8).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harari in view of Kanno patent number 5,831,533 referred hereinafter "Kanno).

As for claim 2, Harari does not expressly teach input output card included an antenna. However, Kanno teaches a wireless card has wireless communication function and an antenna. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Kondo into the teachings of Harari because an antenna provided in a wireless card providing a strong signal connections, thereby preventing from disconnection and loosing data while in transmitting.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tim T. Vo whose telephone number is 703-308-5862.

The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on 703-305-4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-2100.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Vo', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Tim T. Vo
Examiner
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